

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to the claims, and further rejected the same under 35 U.S.C. Sections 112 and 101. Such objections and rejections are deemed moot in view of the clarifications made hereinabove to the claims.

The Examiner has further indicated that Claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten to include the subject matter of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended such claim in this manner. Further, each of the independent claims has been amended to substantially include the subject matter of Claim 5 and are thus deemed allowable for similar, but not necessarily identical reasons.

A notice of allowance is thus respectfully requested.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. AMDCP011).

Respectfully submitted,


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